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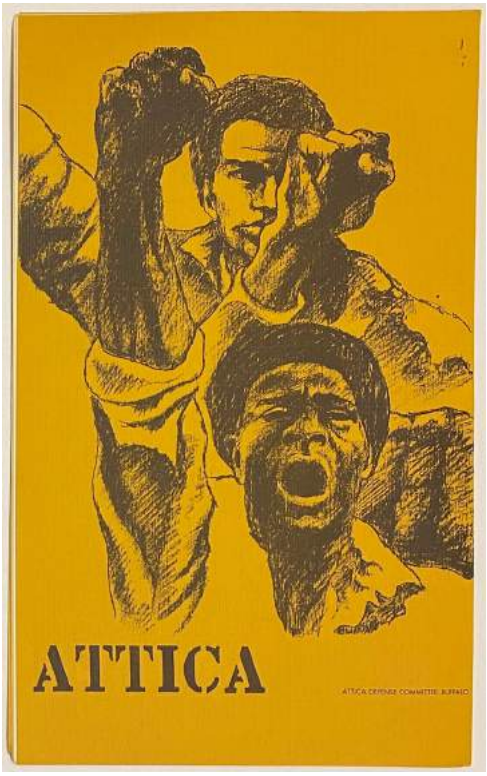

Attica!!!

In the summer of 1971, prisoners at Attica Correctional Facility – inspired by the burgeoning prisoners' rights movement – pressed authorities for better conditions. Tensions rose until, on September 9, hundreds of prisoners took over the facility and took prison staff hostage, issuing a list of demands (reprinted in one of the pamphlets below). On September 13, after negotiations on the demands had stalled, state police dispatched by Governor Rockefeller forcefully suppressed the revolt, ending in the deaths of 33 prisoners and 10 prison employees – the most deadly confrontation between Americans since the Civil War. Activists outside the prison quickly mobilized to provide legal aid to those who had participated in the uprising. These groups demanded that the charges against the indicted inmates be dropped, and that those involved in the killing of prisoners be charged; they also continued to call for prison reform, citing the list of demands that the Attica prisoners had issued. For several years, as the courts slowly decided the fate of dozens of participants in the revolt, these groups raised funds to hire lawyers, to broadcast the prisoners' views of what had actually taken place, and to continue pushing for changes to the treatment and conditions of incarcerated people. Some groups also worked to resettle those who had been released back into society. All of these efforts are represented in the pamphlets, leaflets, and serials included in this list. Most of the items in this group were collected at the time of issue by Maurice Rovenor, a Buffalo, NY schoolteacher with an interest in radical movements. In many cases he has dated leaflets in pencil or indicated the organization from which he obtained them.

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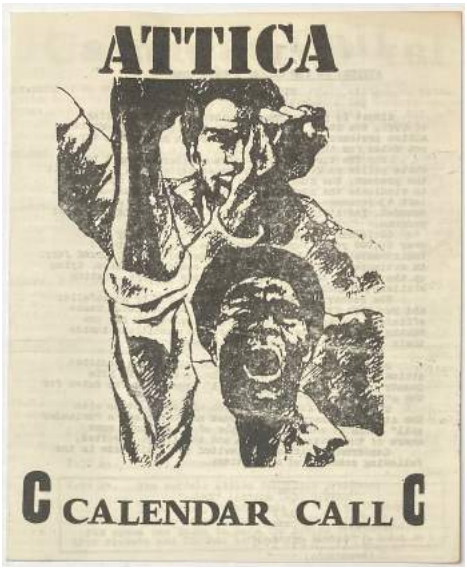
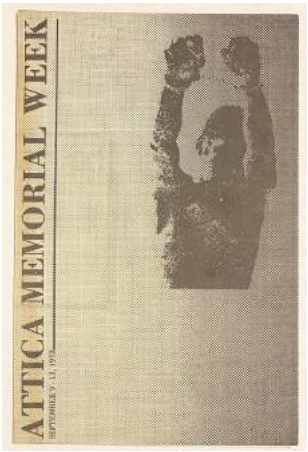
1. Attica Brothers in Court! [handbill]. Buffalo, NY: Attica Defense Committee; Prisoners Solidarity Committee, BUILD, 1973. 8.5x14 inch handbill, some toning and handling wear, "Buffalo, 1973" penciled at bottom. (#270358) $45.00
Asks the reader to go to the Erie County Court to show support for prisoners indicted for the 1971 Attica Prison riots.



2. Attica Calendar Call. Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Attica Coalition, [1974]. 4p., 7x8.5 inches, folded from a single mimeographed sheet, very good. (#270447) $40.00
First issue of a newsletter announcing activism in the Erie County area related to the defense of the Attica Brothers.

3. The Attica Demands. [Buffalo, NY]: [Attica Defense Committee], [1972]. 3p., 8.5x11 inch mimeographed sheets stapled at corner, all text, penciled note at top indicating that it was obtained from the Committee, otherwise very good. (#270395) $75.00
Lists the demands that prisoners from Attica had submitted to authorities in June 1971, before the uprising broke out. “It is through the demands that we get a glimpse of the conditions that were the seedbed for rebellion.”

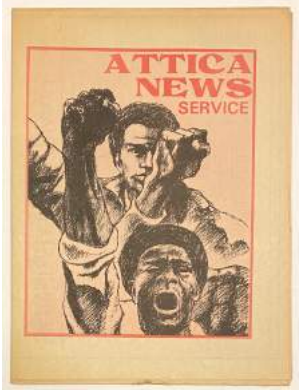
4. Attica is all of us [pinback button]. [East Bay, CA], [197-]. 1.5 inch pin, black text on red field, East Bay union bug on edge. (#267201) $20.00



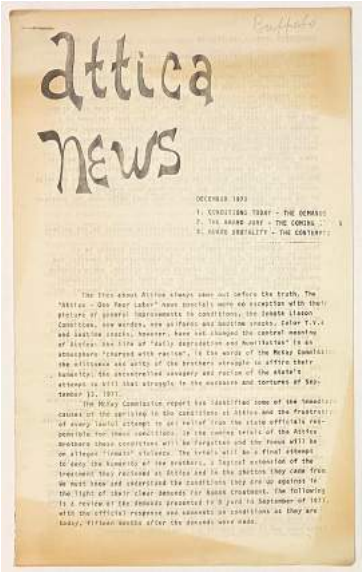
5. Attica Memorial Week. September 9-13, 1973. Buffalo, NY: Attica Defense Committee, 1973. Four-panel brochure, rear panel has a small corner chip (no loss of text), listing events such as talks on prison conditions, a cultural workshop, and a memorial rally led by Ben Chavis. (#270399) $35.00

ATTICA NEWS
SHANGO ACQUITTED
Nothing Beats a Lie But the Truth
ATTICA NEWS
ATTICA GRAND OPENING - SEE PAGE 8
100 000 NAMES THROWN OUT
PRISON IN THE CITY

6. Attica News [15 issues of the tabloid format newspaper]. Buffalo, NY: Attica Brothers Legal Defense, 1974-1976. Fifteen issues of the newspaper, all with horizontal fold, generally evenly toned, several have "Buffalo" penciled in upper margin of front cover, otherwise very good. Issues present are vol. 2 nos. 8, 9, 14, 17-19, 24, 26-32, and vol. 3 no. 9. (#270329) $500.00
Updates on the defense of prisoners indicted for the 1971 Attica Prison riots.

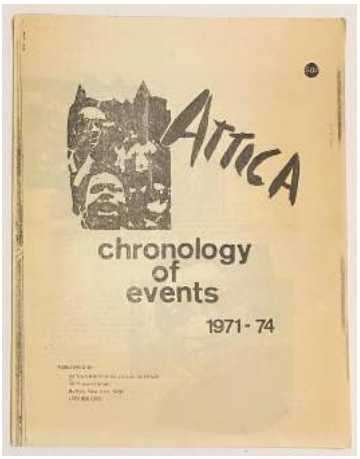


7. Attica News Service. Vol. 1 no. 1 (March 1973). Buffalo, NY: Attica Defense Committee, 1973. 11p. tabloid format newspaper, even toning, otherwise very good. (#270350) $85.00
News on the defense of prisoners.


Attica News

DECEMBER 1972

8. Attica News. December 1972. Buffalo, NY: Attica Defense Committee, 1972. 16p., 8.5x14 inch sheets stapled at upper left corner, some uneven toning, otherwise very good. (#270347) $75.00
Issued after a series of "Attica - one year later" news specials had emphasized positive changes in the prison. Contains the original demands made by prisoners, each one followed by a much more dour assessment of progress in the subsequent 15 months.



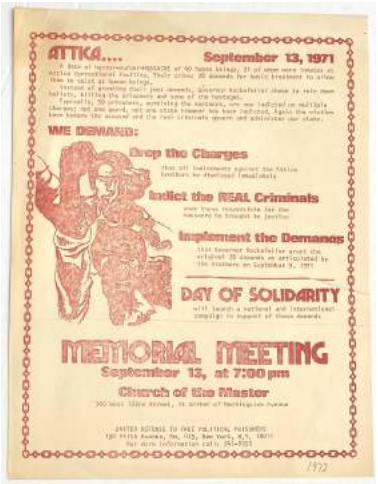
9. Attica, Chronology of Events, 1971-74. Buffalo, NY: Attica Brothers Legal Defense, 1974. [12p.] staplebound packet, somewhat crudely printed but entirely legible, horizontal crease, ex-library with an internal de-accession rubberstamp. Timeline with some broader context of the prisoner rights movement. (#270390) $60.00

10. Attica; the official report of the New York State Special Commission on Attica. New York: Bantam Books, 1972. xl, 533p. + 64p. photos, paperback, very good. (#86330) $12.00
"The complete story of the events leading to the bloodiest one-day encounter between Americans in this century."

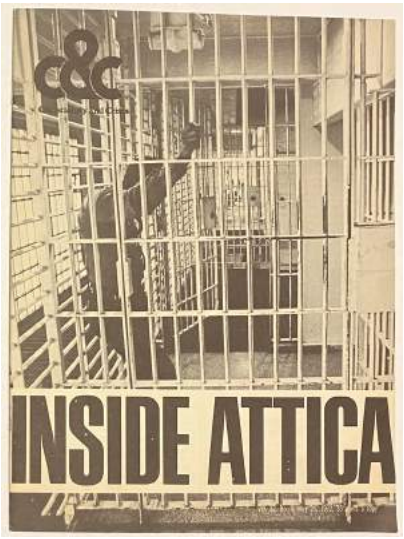
11. Attica: Murder by omission. [Buffalo, NY]: Attica Defense Committee, [1971-?]. Four-panel brochure, all text, reprinted from Health PAC. Some uneven toning. (#270392) $22.00
“To the prisoners at Attica, the bullets fired by Rockefeller’s troops were simply tangible evidence of the less blatant homicidal policies governing their lives daily.”

ATTICA
...DID NOT START HERE
NOR WILL IT END HERE!
NO. 1 NOVEMBER 1971
THE DIALECTICS
SOLIDARITY
PEOPLE'S GRAND JURY

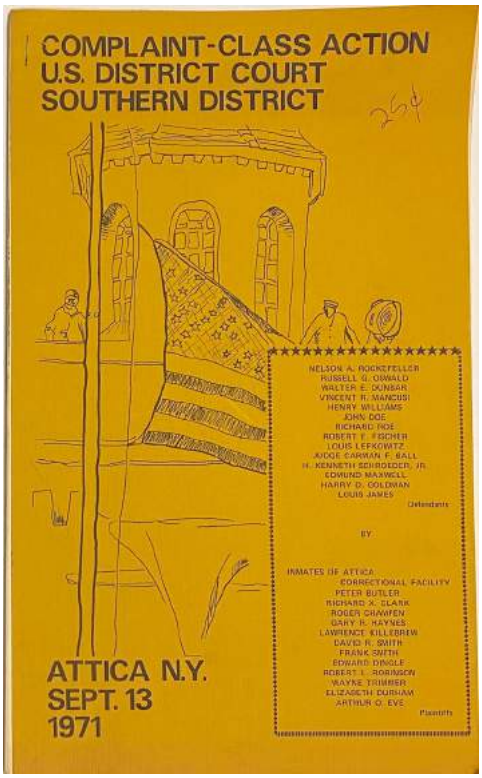
12. Attica… did not start here nor will it end here! No. 1 (November 1971). Buffalo, NY: National Lawyers Guild, Buffalo Chapter, 1971. 4p. newsletter in tabloid newspaper format, evenly toned, horizontal fold, very good. (#270386) $75.00
“The National Lawyers Guild, Buffalo Chapter, is publishing this newsletter in an effort to provide a link between community and prison. A link that can add strength to movements inside and outside walls. This link reflects our view that those responsible for the deaths at Attica are the same class that delivers mass death to Indo-China, that attempts to halt liberation movements in South America…” Includes anonymous letters from inmates, written soon after the prison uprising had been suppressed.

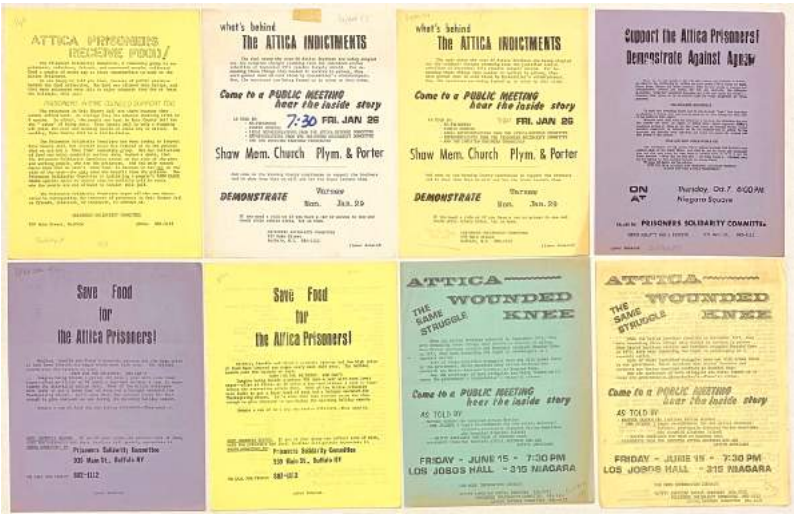

ATTICA... September 13, 1971
WE DEMAND:
Drop the Charges
Indict the REAL Criminals
Implement the Demands
DAY OF SOLIDARITY
MEMORIAL MEETING
September 13, at 7:00 pm
Church of the Master

13. Attica…. September 13, 1971… Memorial meeting [handbill]. New York: United Defense to Free Political Prisoners, 1973. 8.5x11 inch handbill, minor creasing. (#270444) $35.00
Announces an event at the Church of the Master, calls for dropping the charges against the indicted inmates, indicting those involved in the killing of prisoners, and implementing the prisoners’ demands.

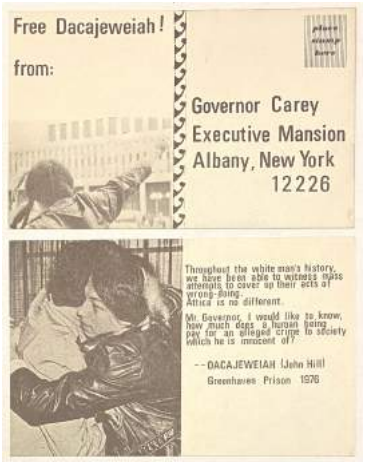


14. Christianity and Crisis. Vol. 32 no. 9 (May 29, 1972). Inside Attica. New York: C&C, 1972. pp. 126-140, staplebound journal, 8.5x11 inches, very good. This issue almost entirely devoted to the cover story, an interview with a member of the inmate negotiating committee, conducted by Robert Harsh. (#270393) $20.00



15. Complaint – Class action. US District Court, Southern District. Attica NY Sept. 13 1971. Buffalo, NY: Attica Defense Committee, [1971-?]. [15p.], 8.5x14 inch mimeographed pamphlet, stapled at upper left corner, old price penned on cover, otherwise very good. Abridged version of the legal complaint filed on behalf of inmates at Attica, with an introductory explanation. Rear cover (illustrated on the front page of this list) is adapted from a poster issued by the Committee. (#270400) $125.00

16. [Eight leaflets issued by the Prisoners Solidarity Committee]. Buffalo, NY: Prisoners Solidarity Committee, [1971-1973]. Eight 8.5x11 inch leaflets, three of them simply variants on different color paper. Titles include “Support the Attica prisoners! Demonstrate against Agnew,” “Save food for the Attica prisoners,” “What’s behind the Attica indictments,” “Attica prisoners receive food,” and “Attica / Wounded Knee, the same struggle,” announcing an event featuring Brother Rahaam, attorney Don Jelinek, and Native Americans who were at Wounded Knee. The reverse of this flyer asks the reader to buy art made by prisoners, or simply to donate to the Committee. (#270387) $125.00
The Prisoners Solidarity Committee was founded by members of Youth Against War and Fascism.

17. Fact Sheet: Attica Fund. New York: the Fund, [1972]. 2p., 8.5x11 inches, mimeographed. (#270396) $30.00
Introduction to the organization and its goals of fundraising, community support, and public education around Attica and the prison struggle.


Free Dacajeweiah!
from:
Governor Carey
Executive Mansion
Albany, New York
12226
Throughout the white man's history, we have been able to witness mass attempts to cover up their acts of wrong-doing. Attica is no different.
Mr. Governor, I would like to know, how much does a human being pay for an alleged crime to society which he is innocent of?
--DACAJEWEIAH (John Hill)
Greenhaven Prison 1976

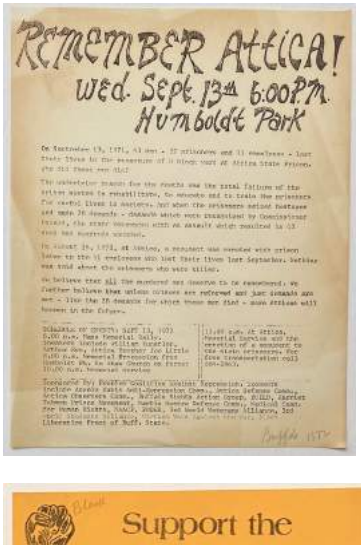
18. Free Dacajeweiah [postcard pre-addressed to Governor Carey]. New York: n.pub., [1976]. Postcard, unused, with space to write the supporter's name. (#270356) $25.00
Dacajeweiah (a.k.a. John Hill or John Bohncore), son of a Mohawk/Cree

mother and an Italian-American father, had been a leader of the Attica prison rebellion. At this time he was being held in Greenhaven Prison.

19. Midnight Special: prisoners news. Vol. 2 no. 7 (September 1972). Attica... One year later. New York: National Lawyers Guild (NY Chapter), 1972. 23p., 8.5x11 inch staplebound wraps, paper evenly toned, very good. (#270353) $25.00
Coverage of the repercussions of Attica, as well as news about other political activists in prison and allegations of racism and abuse by guards.

20. People's Petition [handbill]. [Buffalo, NY], [1975]. 8.5x14 inch handbill, horizontal fold, unevenly toned; pencil notation indicates it was obtained in Buffalo in February, 1975. Demands the unconditional release of the Attica Brothers, amnesty for Martin Sostre, and amnesty for all political prisoners. (#270445) $25.00

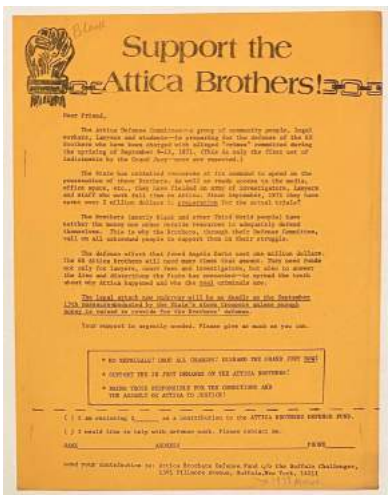
21. People's Petition demanding justice for the Attica indictees [handbill]. New York: National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. Attica Defense Committee, [1974]. 8.5x14 inch sheet printed one side with space for signatures; horizontal fold, "Buffalo" and "Jan. 1974" penciled in margins. (#270361) $40.00
Petition calling for the dismissal of all indictments against participants in the Attica prison uprising.



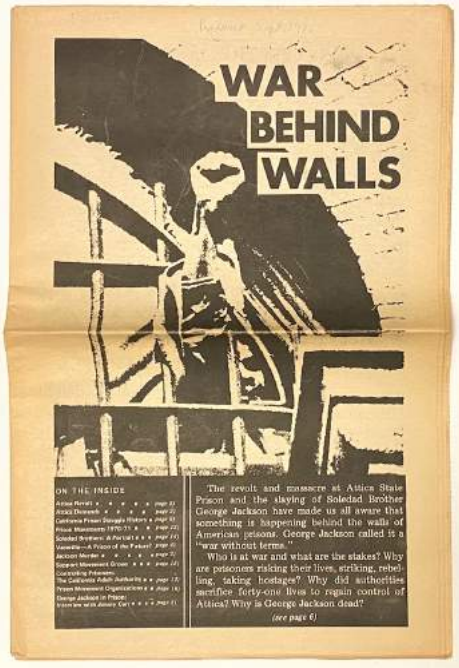
22. Remember Attica! Wed. Sept. 13th 6:00 PM. Humboldt Park [handbill]. Buffalo, NY: People's Coalition Against Repression, [1972]. 8.5x11 inch handbill, unevenly toned, minor edgewear. (#270442) $20.00
Announcement of a memorial rally on the anniversary of the suppression of the uprising; speakers included attorney William Kunstler and Attica Brother Joe Little.

SUPPORT THE ATTICA BROTHERS
MONDAY FEB. 25 - TUESDAY FEB. 26
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 pm
AT ERIE COUNTY COURT BUILDING
Rally! 1pm
Niagara Sq.
Trial dates will be set for the 60 brothers indicted on charges stemming from the Attica prison uprising of September, 1971.
The state must know the people are supporting the Attica Brothers.
Be there to help picket + show our solidarity with the brothers.

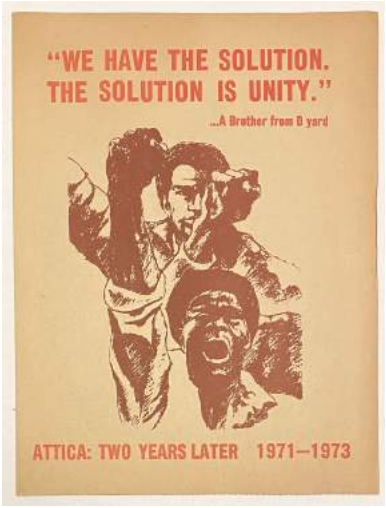
23. Support the Attica Brothers [handbill]. Buffalo, NY: Attica Brothers Legal Defense, [1974]. 8.5x11 inch handbill, "Buffalo 1974" penciled in lower left corner, otherwise very good. (#270354) $30.00
Announces a rally in support of prisoners still being tried for their role in the Attica prison uprising.



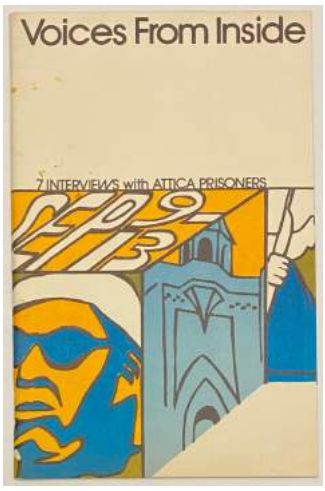
24. Support the Attica Brothers! [handbill]. Buffalo, NY: Attica Brothers Defense Fund, [1973]. 8.5x11 inch handbill, minor handling wear, penciled notation indicates it was issued in 1973. (#270342) $30.00
"The defense effort that freed Angela cost one million dollars. The 60 Attica Brothers will need many times that amount..."


WAR
BEHIND
WALLS
ON THE INSIDE
The revolt and massacre at Attica State Prison and the slaying of Soledad Brother George Jackson have made us all aware that something is happening behind the walls of American prisons. George Jackson called it a "war without terms."
Who is at war and what are the stakes? Why are prisoners risking their lives, striking, rebelling, taking hostages? Why did authorities sacrifice forty-one lives to regain control of Attica? Why is George Jackson dead?
(see page 6)

25. War behind walls. San Francisco: The Red Family; People's Press, [1971]. 16p. pamphlet in tabloid newspaper format, horizontal fold, blue pencil note at top of front page stating "Produced Sept. 1971." (#270337) $125.00
Discussion of the Attica rebellion and the death of George Jackson. Includes an interview with Jackson conducted by Jimmy Carr.



26. "We have the solution. The solution is unity." ... A brother from D yard. Attica: two years later 1971-1973. New York: National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. Attica Defense Committee, 1973. Four-panel brochure, 8.5x11 inches, paper toned, light edgewear, otherwise very good. (#270352) $75.00
Announces a petition drive and fundraising campaign in defense of prisoners indicted for the 1971 Attica Prison riots.

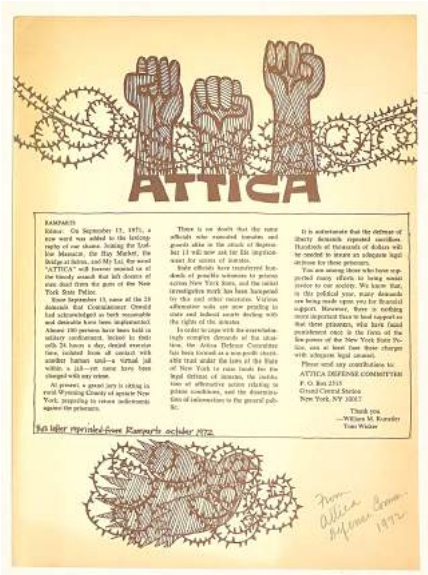


27. Attica Defense Committee. Voices from inside; 7 interviews with Attica prisoners. New York: the Committee, [1972]. 40p., staplebound pamphlet, front cover has a few tiny stains, interior clean. (#270323) $45.00

28. Attica Defense Committee. We are Attica; interviews with prisoners from Attica. New York: the Committee, [1972]. [64]p., illus., wraps, very good condition, 5.25x8.5 inches. The interviewees are African Americans. (#22071) $60.00

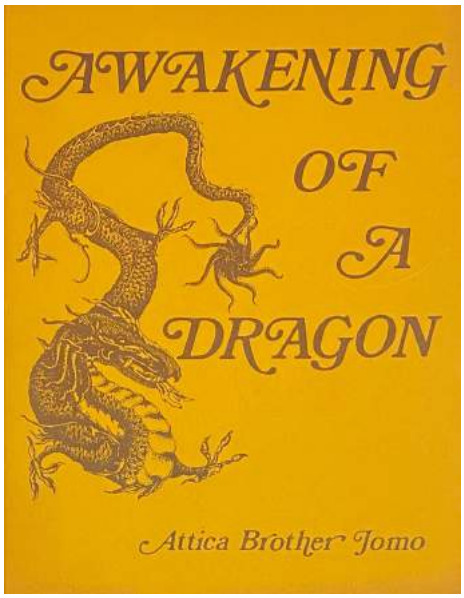
29. Boyle, Kay. A Poem for February First 1975. For Jessica Mitford [broadside]. San Francisco: Quercus Press, 1975. 12x23 inches, very light fold creases, edgewear, hand revisions of the poem in ink by Boyle with a note in her hand that she revised it on Sept. 25, 1975, Nov. 6, 1975 and Oct. 27, 1978, eight revisions in all, signed by Boyle at bottom, publication information printed on verso. (#213976) $125.00
Poem about the Attica prison uprising.
"The men locked arm in arm in the Attica of our dust, our maggots, our dereliction, stand
Halted at the edge, high on their hushed precipice, men whose names we have since learned,
Who choked, who wept, who fell on their knees in D-Yard as the helicopter dipped
And let its cargo of gas drift, lazy as smoke, quiet as cloud formations,
Across the rainy dawn..."

30. Boyle, Kay. A Poem for February First 1975. For Jessica Mitford [broadside]. San Francisco: Quercus Press, 1975. [The same broadside as above, but without Boyle's handwritten changes; very good]. (#223739) $25.00

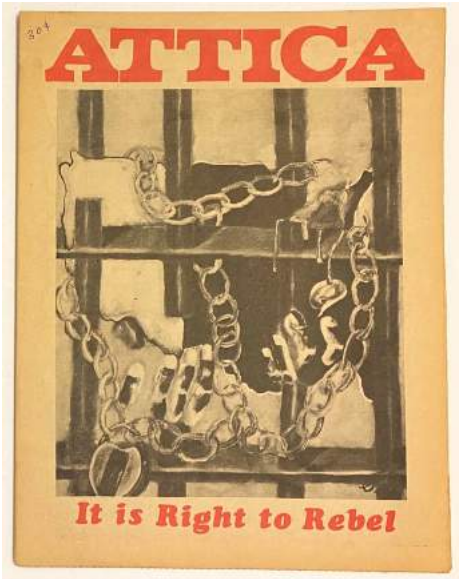


31. Kunstler, William M.; Tom Wicker. [Leaflet reprinting a letter to Ramparts magazine, October 1972]. [Buffalo, NY]: [Attica Defense Committee], [1972]. 8.5x11 inch handbill, penciled note at bottom indicating that it was obtained from the Committee, otherwise very good. (#270397) $25.00

32. Omowale, Jomo Joka (Eric Thompson). Awakening of a Dragon: Attica Brother Jomo. Buffalo, NY: Attica Bond to Free Jomo, 1974. [20p.], staplebound 8.5x11 inch booklet, very good. (#270340) $275.00
Includes an interview with Jomo, one of the leaders of the Attica prison rebellion, his letters to various comrades, and statements of solidarity from figures including Martin Sostre, the Afro-American United Front in Havana, and Joe Remiro and Russ Little of the Symbionese Liberation Army.



33. Prisoners Solidarity Committee. Buffalo-Rochester Newsletter. June-July 1973. Buffalo, NY: the Committee, 1973. 8p., 7x8.5 inches, very good. (#270449) $35.00
Articles on struggles at various prisons, including a piece on Martin Sostre. Cover story is on Attica; the article begins: "The Attica trials will be the final steps in the State's campaign to cover up and seal tight the lid on what really happened before, during, and after the September '71 Attica rebellion…"



34. Revolutionary Student Brigade. Attica: it is right to rebel. Chicago: the Brigade, 1971. 24p., 8.5x11 inch pamphlet; paper evenly toned, old price penned in corner, otherwise very good. (#11993) $45.00

35. Young Socialist Alliance. Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Attica, Amchitka, Jackson, Kent... There are lots of good reasons to oppose capitalism. There are even more reasons to join the YSA [poster]. New York: YSA, [1973-?]. 17x22 inch poster, tiny pinholes at corners, otherwise very good. Undated, but the most recent incident cited appears to be Wounded Knee. (#243913) $75.00

Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Attica, Amchitka, Jackson, Kent, Mylai, Orangeburg, atom bombs, imperialism, Augusta, botulism, Bay of Pigs, wage freeze, insecticides, paranoia, TV dinners, Dow Jones, Hiroshima, New York City, sodomy laws, Dow Chemical. CIA, FBI, NBC, DDT, ABM, IBM, AMA, TWA, KKK, FDS, IRS, SST, JDL, AT&T, ROTC, NATO, SEATO, Reader's Digest, thalidomide, Wall Street, Fort Knox, credit cards, cat calls, Cadillacs, Barbie dolls. Neon signs, freeways, tollways, tenements, Apollo 1 2 3 4 5..., Hollywood, Wounded Knee, organized crime, cockroaches, Brooks Brothers, subways, noise, blue laws, blackouts, bosses, high school, concrete. Commercials, Chase Manhattan, racism, used car lots, nicotine, pimps, ulcers, pesticides, pay toilets, television, M-16s, cyclamates, wire-tapping, Jim Crow, J. Edgar Hoover, The Lone Ranger, Billy Graham, Texas Rangers, strip mining, napalm, Nagasaki, tracking, black lung, skid row, death row, Disneyland, anti-abortion laws, Sand Creek, electric chairs, Republicans, Democrats, overkill, oil spills, prisons, wardens, pushers, scabs, Lake Erie, landlords, law and order, muggings, quack abortionists. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, traffic, inflation, depression, defoliation, forced sterilization, billboards, barrios, ghettos, S&H green stamps, taxes, Madison Avenue, rats.
There are lots of good reasons to oppose capitalism. There are even more reasons to join the YSA.
The YSA is actively building the antiwar movement, the women's liberation movement, and the struggles of Black and Brown people for liberation. The YSA offers a revolutionary perspective to young people all across the country. The YSA is for activists.